



03500.013982

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TETSUYA YANO, et al.

Application No.: 09/430,029

Filed: October 29, 1999

For: DNA FRAGMENT CARRYING
TOLUENE MONOOXYGENASE
GENE, RECOMBINANT
PLASMID, TRANSFORMED
MICROORGANISM, METHOD
FOR DEGRADING
CHLORINATED ALIPHATIC
HYDROCARBON COMPOUNDS
AND AROMATIC COMPOUNDS,
AND METHOD FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL
REMEDICATION

Examiner: E. Slobodyansky

Group Art Unit: 1652

RECEIVED
AUG 14 2003
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

August 8, 2003

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

August 8, 2003

(Date of Deposit)

Michael K. O'Neill (Reg. No. 32,622)
(Name of Attorney for Applicant)

Signature

August 8, 2003
Date of Signature

09/12/2003 JAD001 00000017 09430029

02 FC:1251

110.00 CP

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated April 8, 2003 for one month, from July 8, 2003 to August 8, 2003.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to
be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


Attorney for Applicants

Registration No. 32,622

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3801
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

CA_MAIN 67947 v 1